

SUMMARY OF REVISED RULES ON CONSISTENCY AND RIGOR

Arkansas Department of Education, Academic Standards and Assessment

The revisions to the Rules Governing Ark. Code Ann. 6-11-105, 6-15-1402, and 6-15-1502 extend the requirements for consistency and rigor to include special education, limited English proficient, and alternative learning students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Also required are local school board adoption and implementation of the State Board's academic standards and approval by the Arkansas Department of Education of any grade 9-12 course outside the required courses specified in the *Standards for Accreditation* or any course for which no state Framework exists.